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TAGS: EAGR, AS

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE NEW SALE OF AUSTRALIAN WHEAT TO PRC

REF: STATE 135435

1. TRADE REPORTS REGARDING AUSTRALIAN VISIT OF CEROILFOOD TOP NEGOTIATOR POSSIBLY ORIGINATED IN MELBOURNE, WHERE MAJOR TRADER LEARNED OF VISIT TO AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD (AWB) BY MR. SHIH YUN-CHING OF CEROILFOOD ACCOMPANIED BY PRC EMBASSY OFFICIAL. HOWEVER, MR. SHIH WAS ONLY A MEMBER OF TEN-MEN PRC DELEGATION FROM CHINA COUNCIL FOR PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE VISITING AUSTRALIA AT INVITATION OF AUSTRALIA/ CHINA BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE. MR. SHIH VISITED AWB ONLY ON COURTESY CALL FOR ONE HOUR WITH AWB GENERAL MANAGER WILLIAMS ON JUNE 1, AND ACCORDING TO AWB SOURCE DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF NEW CONTRACT.

2. ACCORDING TO AWB AND GOA SOURCES PRC DID NOT REQUEST MORE OLD CROP WHEAT, AND MARCH NEGOTIATIONS CENTERED ON CONTRACTED VOLUME OF 2 MILLION TONS, OF WHICH 1.5 MILLION TONS FOR SHIPMENT BEFORE NOVEMBER 30, 1977 AND 0.5 MILLION AFTER NOVEMBER 30. NEGOTIATIONS WERE NOT MORE PROTRACTED THAN USUAL AT THAT TIME. AWB HAS NOT BEEN APPROACHED FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES SINCE THEN, BUT IN VIEW OF RECENT  
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CANADIAN SALE EXPECTS TO RECEIVE FURTHER ORDER FOR NEW CROP WHEAT ON THE ASSUMPTION PRC WISHES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CURRENT LOW PRICES. PRC HAS NOT EXPRESSED ANY INTEREST IN RENEWAL OF LONG-TERM AGREEMENT, AND AWB EXPECTS PURCHASES TO CONTINUE ON A CONTRACT BY CONTRACT BASIS. AWB HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY REQUESTS FOR SPEEDING UP DELIVERIES, AND CURRENT SHIPPING RATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULE ARRANGED AT

TIME OF CONTRACT.

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